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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0718

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, EC

SUBJECT: FURTHER RUMORS OF CABINET CHANGES

REF: QUITO 6594

1. AS TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF RODRIGUEZ LARA GOVERNMENT NEARS (FEBRUARY 15), RUMORS AND AN OCCASIONAL FACT REGARDING POSSIBLE CABINET CHANGES ARE CIRCULATING AGAIN. PRESIDENT TOLD AMBASSADOR JANUARY 29 THAT ACCENT WILL BE ON CONTINUITY, BUT HE DID NOT FORECLOSE SOME CHANGES.

2. JAIME MONCAYO, PRESENTLY UNDERSECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS CONFIRMED TO DCM THAT HE WILL BE NAMED FINANCE MINISTER. TODAY'S "EL COMERCIO" PUBLISHED THE STORY, CITING "WELL INFORMED SOURCES". PRESENT MINFIN SALAS CASTILLO WILL RETURN TO PRIVATE BUSINESS IN GUAYAQUIL LEAVING THIS IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WITHOUT AUTHENTIC CABINET REPRESENTATION UNLESS OTHER "COSTENOS" ARE APPOINTED TO CABINET.

3. COMMENT: SHIFT OF MONCAYO TO FINANCE MAY PROVE TO BE GOOD FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW. HE IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MORE NATIONALISTIC DEFENDERS OF ESTABLISHED ECUADOREAN POSITIONS, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF HIS U.S. WIFE. THE LEADING CANDIDTATE TO REPLACE MONCAYO IS AMBASSADOR  
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RODRIGO VALDEZ, RETIRING HEAD OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

COMMISSION, FORMERLY UNDER SECRETARY, AN EXPERT ON THE  
FISHERIES PROBLEM, AND A CAREER OFFICER WELL AND FAVOR-  
ABLY KNOWN TO US. BREWSTER

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